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What's happening in Poland



CIA SPY ARRESTED - The security police have arrested 44-year-old Warsaw physiotherapist, Bogdan Charyton, on charges of spying for the CIA. The official news agency PAP reported that since 1981 Charyton had relayed political and defense secrets to the CIA and was in contact with Stephen Donald Mull, a CIA operative stationed in Warsaw as 2nd secretary of the American Embassy. The agency also named 27-year-old dissident Wrocław mathematician, Jacek Leśkow, as involved in contacts with Mull. It said Mull maintained close ties with prominent dissidents, including Lech Walesa's adviser, Rev. Henryk Jankowski, and history professor, Bronisław Geremek. The latter told the Polish Daily News: "The whole thing would be laughable if it were not so reminiscent of the methods used during the Stalinist period." He was referring to the widespread practice in the 1950s of accusing opponents of the regime of ties with Western intelligence and putting them on trial for espionage.